

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF CLAIMS AMENDED UNDER PCT ARTICLE 19
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1. A device for storing and drying sports equipment, consisting of a support stand formed of tubes and in the form of a valet with at least one vertical support (2) and a transverse support (3) suitable for holding a chest armour piece, as well as two tube ends (8) for sticking on shoes, as well as several holders of tube elements (12, 13, 18, 20) which are integrally formed on at least one vertical support (2), for receiving further parts of sports equipment, wherein the at least one vertical support (2) and the transverse support (3) as well as all tube elements (12, 13, 18, 20) are in communicating connection, and a flange element (32) with a ventilator (31) fastened thereto and with an electrical connection (34) for feeding the ventilator (31) is present, and that the tube elements (12, 13, 18, 20) and tube ends (8) for sticking on the shoes, comprise air exit openings (30), characterised in that two vertical supports (2) are present and at least one air-leading transverse support (3), which serve for the transport of air and are free of air exit openings and that the two vertical supports (2) at the lower ends (8) are in each case bent into a base foot (4), so that the vertical supports (2) are located approximately centrally over the base surfaces (6) of the base feet (4), and wherein all previously mentioned parts are bent from a tube.

2. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the flange element (32) with the ventilator (31) is arranged on at least one transverse support (3).

3. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the air flow produced by the ventilator (31) is divided and

introduced in both directions into the transverse support (32) by the flange element (3).

4. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the two free ends of the tube forming the base foot are bent towards the centre (9) and upwards (7, 10), and are suitable for receiving shoes, wherein air exit openings (30) are only provided in the last, vertically upwardly projecting section (10).

5. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that circular, open bows (12) of tube elements are present on the base feet (4) at the region which lies opposite the ends (8) serving for receiving the shoes, and these tube elements are provided with air exit openings (30) and are suitable for holding shin pads.

6. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the two vertical supports (2) are connected to one another above the base feet (4) by way of a tube element (13), wherein the tube element (13), out of the plane in which the two vertical supports (2) run, is bent to the front to the front end (7) of the base feet (4) and here in a plane parallel to the plane of the two vertical supports (2), is shaped into two upwardly directed retaining bows (16), wherein the tube element at least in the region of the retaining bows (16) comprises air exit openings (30).

7. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that in each case a tube element (18) as a hang-up hook with air exit openings (30) is integrally formed on both vertical supports (2) at approximately the same height, and serve to receive elbow protectors and gloves.

8. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the two vertical supports (2) are connected to one another below the transverse support (3) by way of a tube element (20) which is bent to the rear, out of the plane of the vertical supports (2), but runs parallel to the transverse support (3).

9. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that an upwardly bent, centrally arranged bow (22) is arranged on the transverse support (3) and is suitable for serving as a helmet carrier.

10. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that all tube elements connecting to the two vertical supports (2) and the transverse support (3), at their connection locations (14, 19) are pressed together according to the outer shape of the vertical supports (2), and comprise punchings for the screwable fastening on the mentioned supports (2), as well as in each case an air connection opening (41) which communicates with an air connection opening (43) in the corresponding support in the assembled position.

11. A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the flange element (32) as a T-piece is provided with a support bracket (37) for the ventilator (31), and an electrical plug-and-socket connection (34) is provided for feeding the ventilator (31).